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# REPORTS

—OF—

Selectmen, Treasurer,

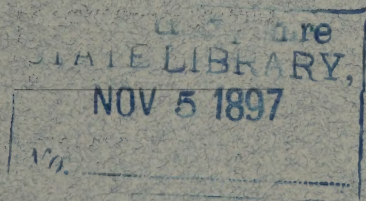
—AND—

Superintending School Committee

—OF THE—

# Town of Stratham

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1st, 1882.



EXETER, N. H.:  
THE EXETER GAZETTE STEAM PRINTING HOUSE.  
1882.





# ANNUAL REPORT

—OF—

SELECTMEN, TREASURER,

—AND—

Superintending School Committee

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# Town of Stratham

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## TOWN OFFICERS.

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*Moderator.*

GEORGE A. WIGGIN.

*Town Clerk.*

JOSEPH S. STAPLES.

*Selectmen.*

JAMES E. ODELL, JAMES W. ROLLINS, [GEORGE  
W. CHASE.

*Superintending School Committee.*

JOHN J. SCAMMON.

*Collector of Taxes.*

GEORGE A. WIGGIN.

*Town Treasurer.*

RICHARD M. SCAMMON.

*Auditors.*

LEVI BARKER, ISAIAH W. TUTTLE.

*Biennial Supervisors.*

ASA E. JEWELL, JOHN J. SMART, GEORGE A.  
WIGGIN.

## ACCOUNT OF

COLLECTOR GEORGE A. WIGGIN.

Amount of taxes committed to him for collection,

State, County, Town and School tax,	\$5269 69
School House tax,	126 26
Non-Resident tax,	214 74
School House tax,	4 24
Highway tax,	24 30
Uncollected taxes of 1880,	444 55
	<hr/> \$6083 78

COLLECTOR WIGGIN'S DISCHARGE.

Paid County tax,	\$2038 97
Non-Resident highway tax worked out,	19 89
"    Abatement of taxes,	16 66
"    Collector's services,	75 00
"    Treasurer in cash,	3608 55
"    Discount,	99 88
Uncollected taxes,	224 83
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Stratham, March 1, 1882.

This day examined the foregoing account of Collector George A. Wiggin, and find them fairly brought, rightly cast and well vouched.

ISAIAH W. TUTTLE, }  
LEVI BARKER,        } Auditors.

# REPORT OF TREASURER, R. M. SCAMMON.

Received of Treasurer, 1880,	\$877 12
Collector Wiggin,	3608 55
Savings Bank tax,	774 81
State railroad tax,	224 18
For lots in cemetery,	28 00
County for year ending Jan., 1882,	142 27
Literary fund,	52 89
Of Selectmen from sale of N. H. reports,	35 00
Interest of town's money on deposit,	17 40
Rent of town hall	27 40
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	\$5787 62

## TREASURER SCAMMON'S DISCHARGE.

Paid George W. Wiggin, services as Supervisor,	\$5 00
Isaac S. Wiggin, services after auditing,	5 50
George W. Chase, preparing and distributing town accounts,	6 75
Dr. J. W. Odell, certificates of births and deaths,	1 00
Wingate & Shaw, printing Town reports and Check list,	32 32
Charles O. Smith, repairing slating on town hall,	8 80
W. F. Sanderson, bounty on hawk,	20
Abigail A. Chapman, interest on note,	6 88
George B. Wiggin, damage to sheep by dogs,	22 00
Smith C. Place, " "	5 00
J. E. Stockbridge, bounty on hawk,	20
Edna A. Jones, note and interest,	552 00
E. L. Place, 4 bolts,	50
State Treasurer, State tax,	1364 00



Paid J. S. Staples, services as town clerk,	20 00
J. J. Scammon, supt. school committee,	25 00
"        "    filling census blanks and ob- taining statistics,	2 00
J. J. Scammon, services as justice,	50
"        "        books furnished,	2 78
J. W. Rollins, selectmen's expenses,	2 00
G. W. Chase,        "        "	2 00
R. M. Scammon, services as Treasurer,	25 00
"        "        paying county poor,	5 00
"        "        in session with selectmen,	3 00
"        "        stationery and postage,	25
I. W. Tuttle, auditor,	3 00
Levi Barker, auditor,	3 00
M. E. Horne, abatement for loss of cow,	22
Oliver Berry, abatement for loss of cow,	40
J. H. Leavitt, abatement for loss of horse,	53
J. J. Lane, abatement for horse and dog,	1 55
C. H. Gove, cow, (dog not liable,) and poll of G. A. Gove,	2 40
J. Jones, bounty on hawks,	80
Sarah W. Chase, note and interest,	117 28
Abigail A. Chapman,        "	59 07
Izetta Wiggin,        "	438 43
Fred E. Otis, bounty on hawks,	40
Levi Barker, Justice fees,	25
"        watering trough 2 years,	6 00
A. N. Rollins, watering trough,	3 00
S. M. Pearson, bounty on crows,	90
Albert C. Lane, breaking shaft,	1 00
N. E. Norton, watering trough,	3 00
George E. Lane, books and stationery,	3 04
Jesse Place, bounty on crows,	1 10
E. B. Philbrick, surveying town line in part,	3 00

George H. Odell, services as Janitor,	12 00
“ for oil for town hall,	1 96
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	\$27 60 01

### HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Hiram Chase, breaking roads, 1881,	\$7 05
James P. Chase, “	6 22
Wm. Wentworth, “	12 07
Benj. S. Jenness, “	15 90
J. P. Sanborn, building bridge,	36 00
John W. Marsh, breaking roads 1881 and 82,	31 20
George W. Chase, repairing bridge and furnish- ing lumber for guide boards,	6 70
G. W. Parkman, building railing,	1 50
Surveyors work more than tax,	97
Fred S. Smith, breaking roads,	52 42
Albert A. Batchelder, “	42 09
Albert A. Haven, “	26 33
E. B. Chapman, “	90
G. W. Parkman, “	16 20
Samuel S. Chase, “	9 97
Oliver Berry, “	38 92
A. M. Sanderson, “	68 24
E. B. Chase, “	63 00
George E. Gowen, “	25 38
Charles Grant, breaking roads,	14 85
Benaiah Wiggin, “	73 20
J. N. Thompson, “	38 85
D. Jewell, Jr, breaking road, repairing guide- boards, and work on bridge,	38 34



E. B. Chase, surveyors services more than tax,	2 85
J. E. Odell, 910 feet bridge plank,	13 65
Levi Barker, labor on bridge,	75
E. Bloomer Jewell, 182 feet timber,	2 18
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	\$645 73

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### SCHOOLS.

Paid Joseph T. Smart, benefit of District No. 1,	\$373 83
D. C. Littlefield, " " 2,	369 02
Levi Barker, " " 3,	268 79
Wm. B. Lang, " " 4,	245 78
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	\$1257 42

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### SCHOOL MONEY DUE FROM LAST YEAR.

Paid Levi Barker, District No. 3,	\$104 23
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### SCHOOL DISTRICT TAX.

Paid Levi Barker, District No. 3,	\$130 00
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### TOWN AND COUNTY POOR.

Paid T. W. Taylor, board and attendance Julia A. Wiggin,	\$29 00
Sarah Philpot, for her support,	84 50
Stephen Philpot, for his support,	17 00

Paid D. J. W. Odell, medicine and attendance upon County poor,	45 75
J. H. Leavitt, getting coffin for Mrs. Perry,	2 00
J. S. Staples, supplies for family of L. W. Mason,	17 49
Alvin Fogg, for his support,	5 00
I. N. Sockbridge, for support of Mrs. Mc Colly,	3 87
William Roby, digging grave for Julia A. Wiggin,	4 00
David Blaisdell, board of Mary A. Jones 9 weeks,	18 00
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	\$226 61



# SELECTMEN'S BILLS.

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## TOWN OF STRATHAM TO J. E. ODELL, DR.

Feb. 18, to $\frac{1}{2}$ day on town business,	\$0 75
26, to Portsmouth, to notify commissioners in case of paupers support,	2 00
March 10, To $\frac{1}{2}$ day on account defective road,	75
14, to 1 day and evening preparing bonds, blank inventories, etc., for distribution.	2 25
15, to $\frac{1}{2}$ day in session,	75
17, to examining bridge,	50
23, to jury meeting,	50
April 4, 5, 6, taking inventory three days,	4 50
7, to county farm in case of pauper,	1 75
8, and 9, to taking inventory, appraising, wood, lumber, etc.,	3 00
13 and 14, to examining returned inventories, and other town business,	3 00
18, to making assessment,	1 50
19, 22, and 23, to making assessment, and other town business,	3 75
May 13 and 14, to making surveyors books, quali- fying surveyors, and distributing books,	2 50
June 18, to examining repaired bridges,	75
to examining records, and making affidavits, pauper case,	1 75
27 and 28, to making and delivering collec- tor's book,	2 00

Aug. 20, to examining Winnicut bridge,	75
29 and 30, to making returns of appraise- ment, railroad stock, and qualification of officers,	2 50
Sept. 28, to jury meeting, attending,	50
29, to making return of inventory to census office,	1 75
Oct. 17, Nov. 14, and Nov. 25, to perambulating, two days,	3 00
Dec. 19, to 1 day, \$1 50, (expense \$3 12,) in case of paupers,	4 62
20, to Portsmouth, to see commissioners,	1 75
21, to Epping, case of support,	1 50
27, to 1 day in session,	1 50
25, to revision of jury box, division of school money, etc.,	1 50
Jan. 6, to jury meeting,	50
24, to settle accounts with commissioners,	1 00
30, to care of pauper, making affidavits, etc.,	1 00
Feb. 24, to 1 day in session,	1 50
March 1, to 1 day in session,	1 50
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	\$56 87

Stratham, March 1, 1882, received payment,

J. E. ODELL.



## TOWN OF STRATHAM TO J. W. ROLLINS, DR.

March	14 and 15, To two days at Selectmen's room,	\$3 00
	17 and 18, to distributing inventory blanks,	2 00
	23, to attending jury meeting,	50
	30, to one-half day in session,	75
April	13 and 14, to two days receiving inventory blanks,	3 00
	18, 19, 22 & 23, to four days making assessment,	6 00
	29, to going to Capt. Odell's & G. W. Chase's,	75
	30, to going to Hampton, on account of non- resident inventory,	75
May,	to making taxes and recording the same,	12 00
	To preparing inventory of all the taxable prop- erty in town and making return to Sec. of State,	2 00
	13, to one day, arranging Surveyors books,	1 50
	14, to distributing Surveyors books,	50
	19, to writing appointments of Surveyor's of highways, wood and lumber and making return,	1 00
August	20, to one-half day examining Winnicut bridge,	75
Sept.	28, to attending jury meeting,	50
Oct.	17, and Nov. 14, to two days perambulating town line against Greenland,	3 00
Dec.	21, to journey to Epping, with horse, on pauper case,	2 50
	27, to one day in session,	1 50
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Jan.	6, to attending jury meeting,	50
Feb.	24, to one day in session,	1 50
March	1, to one day in session auditing,	1 50
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		\$45 50

Stratham, March 1, 1882, received payment,

J. W. ROLLINS.

## TOWN OF STRATHAM, TO G. W. CHASE, DR.

March 10, on town business,	\$1 50
14, one-half day in session,	75
15, in session,	75
16 and 17, distributing inventory blanks,	2 50
24, attending jury meeting,	50
30, one-half day in session,	75
April, 4, 5, 6 and 8, taking inventory,	6 00
9, on town business one day,	1 50
13 and 14, in session at the hall,	3 00
18 and 19, making assessments,	3 00
19, inspecting bridge,	50
22, making assessments,	1 50
23, one-half day making assessments,	75
May 13, preparing surveyors books,	1 50
14 and 15, qualifying surveyors and distributing surveyors books,	2 00
August 20, one-half day in session,	75
20, delivering dead Caroline Piper,	50
29, going over to John Coffee,	50
Sept. 28, attending jury meeting,	50
Oct. 17, perambulating line,	1 50
Nov. 14, running line,	2 00
25, " one-half day,	75
Dec. 15, to Odell and Cemetery,	50
20, on town business,	50
25, in session at the town hall,	1 50
Jan. 6, attending jury meeting,	50
Feb. 24, one day in session,	1 50
March 1, one day in session,	1 50
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	\$39 00

March 1, 1882, received payment,

G. W. CHASE.



## RECAPITULATION.

Cash received by the Treasurer,		\$5787 62.
Paid outstanding demands and sundry ex-		
penses,	2760 01	
Schools,	1257 42	
Highways and bridges,	645 73	
Selectmen's bills,	141 37	
School money due for 1881,	104 23	
School District tax,	130 00	
Town and County poor,	226 61	
Cash on hand,	522 25	
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		\$5787 62

## AUDITORS' REPORT.

STRATHAM, Mar. 1, 1882.

We have this day examined the foregoing accounts of the Treasurer, and find them fairly brought, rightly cast and well vouched, and a balance in his hands of five hundred and twenty two dollars, and twenty-five cents, (522 25.)

ISAIAH W. TUTTLE, }  
 LEVI BARKER, } Auditors.

## STATEMENT OF TOWN DEBT, MARCH 1, 1882,

Note held against the town by school district	
No. 1, to remain unpaid until called	
for by the district, as per vote of the	
town,	383 98
Interest to March 1, 1882,	57 50
Other bills (estimated)	200 00
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	\$641 48

## MEANS OF PAYMENT.

Cash on hand,	522 25
Uncollected taxes,	224 33
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	\$746 58
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Balance in favor of the town,	\$105 10

# REPORT OF THE Superintending School Committee.

For the year ending March 1, 1882.

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## DISTRICT NO. 1.

J. T. SMART, Prudential Committee.

Spring and fall terms taught by Miss Ella O. Wiggin, a graduate of Greenland Academy. This being her first experience in training the young idea to so point the arrow of attainment as to pierce the target of fame, perhaps she failed in some points which experience and observation could easily master. Although order and improvement were not all that could be desired, the school of twenty-five scholars, at the close of the fall term, did justice to themselves, showing that the training of a former teacher was not obliterated, but bore marks which will never be lost by indifferent instructors or a life of toil. Improvement was made in the branches taught, and the teacher apparently had the good will of her pupils and a pleasant school.

The winter term of fourteen weeks was taught by A. W. Richards of South Newmarket, a teacher of expe-



rience and ability. The scholars are making progress under his care and method of instruction, he inviting thought and thoroughness without regard to promptness or speed, and being of a parental nature, order, by way of indulgence, is manifest. There were eighteen scholars present at the last visit of your committee, prompt as ever, ready and willing to exhibit all knowledge they possessed in the ready and lively manner for which this school has long been noted. This school is to continue several weeks after this report and will close with a public examination which the parents will have an opportunity of attending and judge for themselves whether or not their children have been in charge of a good and competent instructor, and justice has been done by your committee.

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## DISTRICT NO. 2.

D. L. LITTLEFIELD, Prudential Committee.

Spring term of ten weeks was in charge of Miss Annie C. Elliott of Greenland. Having taught this school for two consecutive terms prior to this, giving satisfaction to the district, her efforts seemed destined to be crowned with a success equaling her former achievements. But much to the surprise of your committee and disappointment of the parents and scholars, she resigned during the summer vacation, to accept a more desirable and lucrative position at the State Normal School, of which she was a former graduate, showing her worth was best appreciated where she was best known. Six scholars were neither absent or tardy for a term.

The fall and winter terms were taught by Miss Susie S. Berry of Greenland, a young lady well qualified in literary attainments but lacking that experience in teaching so necessary to excite due animation and emula-

tion for the improvement and success of our common ungraded schools. Her discipline eradicated some bad habits previously indulged in by pupils, and good order was manifested at the close of the winter term. The nine visitors present at the closing exercises were well pleased with the seventeen scholars present and appeared satisfied with the improvement made. This school needs a live and energetic teacher.

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### DISTRICT NO. 3.

LEVI BARKER, Prudential Committee.

Susie E. Chadbourne of this town, teacher for the past two years, under whose instruction the scholars have continued to improve to such a degree as to retain and maintain the enviable position they so justly merited one year ago as second to none, notwithstanding a spirit of rivalry has almost seemed to exist between this school and the school in District No. 4. Miss Chadbourne is easy and efficient, having full control of her pupils, who are justly proud of their teacher. She has evidently the interest and welfare of every pupil at heart. Perfect order and true discipline were the result. This teacher and school were highly complimented by our State Superintendent of Instruction, at his official visit. Eighty visitors were present at the closing examination, all fully satisfied that the exercises were more attractive, amusing and instructive, showing greater improvement than could have been anticipated. Twenty scholars were neither absent or tardy for a term, and six for the year. No change needed but text books.

## DISTRICT NO. 4.

WM. B. LANG, Prudential Committee.

Miss Emma Blodgett, teacher for the year. A wise selection; a person fitted for the position. She has had ten years' experience and taught this school at intervals for a number of years. It gives us pleasure to make such a favorable report of this school, of which the pupils have long been worthy, with good and efficient instructors. Good order, neatness, method and general discipline and marked improvement were manifest throughout the year. Both scholars and teacher have acquitted themselves nobly, and the parents have abundant reason to be thankful that a former custom of frequent change of teachers is abandoned. Now their children can show for themselves what their home teaching and abilities deserve. Six scholars were neither absent or tardy for a term. A good teacher is a public friend.

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REMARKS.

To every person of observation one fact is apparent, and that is that the success of our schools depends much upon the selection of our Prudential Committees. No one should be chosen who does not take an active interest in the prosperity of the school. There should be no doubt in regard to the fitness of applicants to teach, before engaging them. There are good teachers who will serve you. During the past year some of our teachers have excelled; others were not what our wants demand. If negligent or worthless teachers are employed, not only money is lost, but the time of children, as valuable as any portion of their lives. A good school is invaluable; a poor one worse than waste. As the teacher so is the school. Give us the best of teachers—those



of experience and ability, and all will be proud of their children and the school. Given poor common class and indifferent teachers, and children plod along without any perceptible interest or improvement. Poor teachers are worse than none, even if they serve without pay ; successful teachers are cheap at any reasonable price.

On taking "a bird's-eye view" of our schools, we find in District No. 1, as good working and energetic scholars as ever, and a reading class not to be surpassed by any. In District No. 2, the school is reduced in numbers so as to be the smallest in town. For this reason, if none other, more energy, ingenuity and activity is required in teachers, to make up for lack of numbers. District No. 3 is in good hands, with the oldest and most advanced scholars. They have nearly completed Greenleaf's National arithmetic, Robinson's algebra, Barnes' U. S. history and Mayhew's book-keeping, while a class in map-drawing is very proficient from memory ; also a class in physical geography have made rapid progress, and Colburn's mental arithmetic is "handled without gloves," by a class of seventeen. District No. 4 has seemed to profit by the admonition of your committee, to wit: "more scholars wanted," given a few years since, when there were from seven to eleven pupils. The school now has twenty-eight active boys and girls not to be surpassed by any of their age, three of the most advanced leaving after the close of the spring term, for higher institutions of learning, while among those who remain, scholars are found from eleven to thirteen years of age, who can tell of home and foreign countries, having nearly mastered Monteith's geography, also, Greenleaf's arithmetic, and Colburn's mental arithmetic is rendered with the utmost confidence and ease. Scholars who, at the commencement of the spring term, could not tell a written letter from ancient hieroglyphics or characters on a China tea chest, can now write their names with a crayon or pencil in a plain and legible

hand, with perfect ease and skill.

To parents, guardians, masters and citizens, we would say, do not think your children or wards wanting in energy or ability. Their intellect and home training is of a high order, and with good and competent instructors they will not take a back seat for minor considerations. They have a just pride of themselves and will leave no stone unturned or duty undone to lead the van. Give District No. 2 a Swett and it will awake from its lethargy ; or District No. 1, a Porter, and it will come forth with head erect and an eye to business which will surprise the most fastidious.

Thanking parents, citizens and committee for their hearty co-operation, for the prompt and willing manner they have furnished all necessary text-books and supplies ; the interest shown in the punctual attendance of their children at school ; the teachers for the respect they have ever manifested at our official visits, and for their promptness and willingness in the adoption of any of our suggestions for the welfare of the schools ; and last but not least, thanking the pupils for their respectful demeanor and bearing toward us and for their punctuality and studiousness in school, we hope and trust they will continue to improve, storing their minds with useful knowledge, that they may rank with the great and good of our land.

And now we withdraw from the position we have held for some years, "step down and out," with thanks to friends and malice toward none, hoping our successor may be more able, better qualified, and take a deeper interest in the cause of education and the future of the rising generation. With these remarks we will simply add—fare thee well.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. SCAMMON.

## STATISTICAL REPORT.

District,	1	2	3	4	T
No. of weeks in summer term,	8	10	8	12	38
“ “ fall “	11	12	10	10	43
“ “ winter “	13	12	12	7	44
Average attendance, summer,	29	24	18	29	100
“ “ fall,	31	17	23	21	92
“ “ winter,	20	17	30	23	90
Wages of male teachers per month,	\$40	0	0		40
“ female, “ “	\$32	39	36	37	144
Whole number scholars in summer,	38	28	22	32	120
“ “ “ fall,	37	22	24	24	107
“ “ “ winter,	27	23	32	24	106
Whole No. different scholars during the year.	44	28	33	36	141
Visits by the superintending committee,	8	6	6	5	25
“ “ prudential “	1	0	1	0	2
“ “ citizens and others,	51	29	163	45	288
No. scholars in arithmetic,	27	27	28	34	116
“ reading,	39	28	32	36	135
“ spelling,	39	28	32	36	135
“ penmanship,	39	28	29	36	132
“ grammar,	15	16	12	11	54
“ geography,	19	23	19	33	94
“ composition,	20	18	17	11	66
“ history,	11	11	10	7	39
“ physiology,		1		2	3
“ algebra,		2	4	4	10
“ physical geography,			6		6
“ book-keeping,		1	5	2	8
“ vocal music,			36		36
“ drawing,		7	24		31
“ rhetoric,		1			1



Income from literary fund	\$ 52 89
School money raised by town,	1204 53
Whole amount of school money,	1257 42
District No. 1,	373 83
"        " 2,	369 02
"        " 3, \$50 raised by district,	268 79
"        " 4,	245 78

Text-books used.—Franklin's Reader, Greenleaf's Arithmetic, Monteith's Geography, Guyot's Physical Geography, Barnes' History, Worcester's Speller, Robinson's Algebra, Mayhew's Book-keeping, Hooker's Physiology, Well's Shorter Course in Grammar, Hart's Rhetoric.

### ROLL OF HONOR.

Scholars neither absent or tardy during the term :

District No. 1. Frank L. Tuttle, Frank H. Brewster, Alice G. Healey, Willie Parkman, Charles Parkman.

District No. 2. Annie J. Hanley, Mary L. Hanley, Annie P. Wiggin, Willie D. Littlefield, Jimmy D. Littlefield.

District No. 3. \*Willard Barker, \*Willie L. Barker, \*Everett L. Jewell, \*Henry L. Jewell, \*Mary F. Barker, \*Viola I. Jewell, Frank H. Barker, David J. French, Effie A. Chapman, Martha B. French, Emma S. Chapman, Vesta E. Jewell, Hattie L. Jewell, Sadie B. Jewell, George Barker, Fred L. Jewell, John L. Leavitt, Everett Leavitt, John O. Wiggin.

District No. 4. Emma Batchelder, Ida L. Lang, Nellie A. Rollins, Alice C. Batchelder, Lucy S. Marston, Eddie S. Marston, Lyman J. Batchelder, Flora A. Sawyer, Alice C. Cameron, Charlie H. Chase, Charlie Follert, Annie E. Johnson, Ella W. Johnson, Gertie S. Johnson, Frank A. Page, Abbie M. Pollard.

Willie Barker not absent or tardy for five years. Everett L. Jewell not absent or tardy for three years.

Those marked with a \* not absent or tardy during the year.









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
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